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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

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